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## LOK SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 7th March, 2007:—

### BILL NO. 27 OF 2007

*A Bill to provide for the extension of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 to the State of Jammu and Kashmir.*

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the National Rural Employment Guarantee (Extension to Jammu and Kashmir) Act, 2007.

Short title  
and  
commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint; and different dates may be appointed for different areas in the State and any reference to the commencement of this Act shall be construed as a reference to the coming into force of that Act in such areas.

42 of 2005.

2. (1) The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) and all rules, orders and schemes made thereunder by the Central Government are hereby extended to, and shall be in force in, the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

Extension and  
amendment  
of the  
National  
Rural  
Employment  
Guarantee  
Act, 2005.

(2) With effect from the date of commencement of this Act, in the principal Act, in sub-section (2) of section 1, the words "except the State of Jammu and Kashmir" shall be omitted.

3. Any reference in any Act mentioned in the principal Act to a law which is not in force in the State of Jammu and Kashmir shall, in relation to that State, be construed as a reference to the corresponding law, if any, in force in that State.

Construction  
of reference to  
a law not in  
force in Jammu  
and Kashmir.

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (the NREG Act) provides for a legal guarantee for at least hundred days of wage employment in a financial year to every rural household whose members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. In terms of sub-section (2) of section 1, the NREG Act is not applicable to the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

2. The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has, however, recommended that the NREG Act may be extended to that State. Based on the recommendation of the State Government, it has been decided to extend the NREG Act to the State of Jammu and Kashmir so that the people residing in the rural areas of the State are benefited.

3. An Employment Guarantee Scheme is already in operation in three identified districts in the State on lines of the NREG Act, for which funds are being provided to the State as are being given to other States under the Act. The proposed amendment would provide a legal backing to the Scheme in operation, by guarantying at least hundred days of wage employment in a financial year to the wage seekers of the State of Jammu and Kashmir. By making an amendment in section 1(2) of the NREG Act, all the provisions of the Act shall be applicable to the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

4. The Bill seeks to achieve the above said objectives.

NEW DELHI:  
The 15th February, 2007.

RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH.

## FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 is being implemented in 197 identified districts in the country. The Act provides for a legal guarantee for at least hundred days of wage employment in a financial year to every rural household whose members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

2. Though, the said Act is not applicable to the State of Jammu and Kashmir, an Employment Guarantee Scheme is already in operation in three identified districts of the State, namely, Poonch, Doda and Kupwara. Funds are being provided by the Central Government to the State for the implementation of the Scheme in these districts as they are being provided to other States under the Act.

3. Annual Plan/budget estimates of 11,300 crore rupees for the year 2006-07 includes the funds required for the State of Jammu and Kashmir to support the Scheme. Both recurring and non-recurring expenditure, which may be incurred during the financial year 2006-07 shall be met out of this budgetary allocation. Extension of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 to the State of Jammu and Kashmir will, therefore, have no additional financial implication and shall only provide a legal guarantee of at least hundred days of wage employment in a financial year to the wage seekers in the identified districts of the State.

4. The Bill does not involve any other expenditure of a recurring or non-recurring nature.

P.D.T. ACHARY,  
Secretary-General.